

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Williamsburg Architectural Review Board was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Williamsburg Municipal Building, 401 Lafayette Street.

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Chairman Spence called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Spence were Board members Messrs. Lane, Quarles, Hertzler and Klee. Board members Kent and Edwards were absent. Staff members present were Deputy Planning Director Murphy and Secretary Scott.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Spence explained the consent agenda procedure to the audience stating that if an application is in full compliance with the ***Design Review Guidelines***, it is placed on the consent agenda. If no member of the Board has any question regarding the application and concurs that it is in full compliance with the *Guidelines*, the audience is asked if they are present to discuss any case on the Consent Agenda. If there is no one in the audience present to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda, those applications are approved as submitted and the applicants dismissed without further discussion.

Applications on tonight's Consent Agenda:

SIGN #07-042 Autumn Leaves B&B/520 Jamestown Road – Freestanding Sign

There being no questions or comments from the Board or the audience regarding the case on the Consent Agenda, Mr. Spence moved that the case be approved as submitted. Mr. Lane seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Quarles, Lane, Spence, Hertzler, Klee
Nay:	None
Absent:	Edwards, Kent

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #06-095 Etheridge/201 Griffin Avenue – Exterior Change (retroactive approval for replacement windows) – Denied

Chairman Spence noted this application for retroactive approval of replacement windows had been tabled at the Board's meeting in October 2006 pending additional information about the windows.

Willa Faye McKenna, representing the owner, said Jeanne Etheridge, who had been the occupant for more than 85 years, recently passed away and her family is very appreciative of the time she was given free of any window controversy.

Mrs. McKenna noted that although the house was built more than 50 years ago, it is not on, nor is it eligible to be on, the National Historic Register of Historic Places. She said it is a generic house and will never gain any real significance. She stated that it was Mrs. Etheridge's intent for the house to remain in the family and be used, in particular, by those members of the family who attend the College of William and Mary.

As long as Mrs. Etheridge was living in the house, Mr. Hertzler said the Board had put the case on hold, but now attention needs to be redirected to the fact that the windows are not compatible with the City's *Design Review Guidelines*. Mr. Quarles agreed and noted the cheap looking windows detract from this nice-looking house. He noted vinyl windows are not allowed in AP-3, let alone AP-1. Mr. Spence added that it needs to be kept in perspective; a homeowner in the AP-2 district was recently denied use of vinyl windows and instead will be installing wood-clad.

Mr. Klee said it is a shame to have to replace the 29 windows, however, this is one of only a few significant houses left which were built before the 1940s and too often these precious artifacts are demolished. In addition, this particular home was the long-time residence of a very prominent Williamsburg school principal.

Mrs. McKenna suggested that the City's Property Information site online be improved by adding a property's Architectural Review District. She said that in this case, the owners are able to handle the expense of the window replacement, but in the future there may be homeowners who may not realize they are in a district that requires review prior to any exterior change and may be taken advantage of by unscrupulous merchants. Mrs. McKenna also suggested notification of window dealerships in the area of the need for architectural review if they have a project in the City. Mr. Hertzler stated that consideration will be given to Mrs. McKenna's suggestions.

Mr. Spence moved that the request for retroactive approval for the replacement windows be denied based on the *Design Review Guidelines* which do not allow vinyl windows in the AP-1 district. Mr. Quarles seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Quarles, Lane, Spence, Hertzler, Klee
Nay:	None
Absent:	Edwards, Kent

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

No cases in this district.

SIGNS

**SIGN #07-043 La Tiendona Latin Store/134-A Second Street – Building Mounted
Sign -- Approved with Conditions**

Ray Wright, Wright Sign Service, representing the applicant, noted that the colors of the proposed sign have been toned down and are reflected in the color rendering distributed to Board members tonight. He added that the lettering around the logo will be eliminated.

Mr. Klee asked if the applicant accepts the tweeking of the colors of the Salvadorian flag on the amended sign, and Mr. Wright confirmed that he has approval from one of the applicants. Mr. Klee said he has no problem with the amended sign and moved that it be approved. Mr. Hertzler seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Quarles, Lane, Spence, Hertzler, Klee
Nay:	None
Absent:	Edwards, Kent

Minutes for August 28, 2007

The minutes for the August 28, 2007 meeting were approved as corrected viva voce.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Dee Scott
Secretary